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## **GREENSBORO POWERBALL PLAYER SAYS HE'LL WIN BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR ... AND DOES!**

**-“Carolina Cash 5” Ticket Worth \$478,953 Sold in Robeson County-  
-Charlotte Man Wins \$100,000 Playing “Jingle Big Ol’ Bucks”-**

**RALEIGH**-Grayling Hardy of **Greensboro** told friends and family he'd win Powerball before the end of the year, and on Dec. 17, his positive thinking came to fruition. His ticket matched all five white balls to win \$200,000!

Hardy got an early Christmas present by claiming his Powerball prize on Christmas Eve. He says he is still thinking about what he will do with his winnings. He bought his winning ticket at the Quick Shop on Spring Garden Street in Greensboro.

“Carolina Cash 5” players who bought tickets in the last few days should check their tickets! One ticket for the Dec. 26 “Carolina Cash 5” drawing matched all five numbers drawn to win the \$478,953 top prize. This ticket was sold at Mr. G's Convenience Mart on Iona Street in **Fairmont**.

On Dec. 28, another “Carolina Cash 5” player matched all five numbers drawn to win the \$75,770 top prize. This ticket was sold at Gopal Corporation on Peters Creek Parkway in **Winston-Salem**. Both tickets have yet to be claimed.

Ronald Houston of **Charlotte** got an after-Christmas present when he bought a “Jingle Big Ol’ Bucks” ticket from Den Den NC at The Plaza in Charlotte. He scratched off the ticket and was shocked to see that it was a top prize winner of \$100,000! Houston plans to invest his winnings, as well as use some of it for an already planned trip to Bermuda next year.

In Powerball news, both the Dec. 24 and Dec. 27 Powerball drawings had many winners in North Carolina. There were two tickets in the Dec. 24 Powerball drawing that matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball and were Power Played. Since the multiplier for this drawing was five, it increased the \$10,000 prize to \$50,000. These tickets were sold at Wendell Mart on Wendell Boulevard in **Wendell** and Petro Express on East Franklin Boulevard in **Gastonia**.

In the Dec. 27 Powerball drawing, four tickets matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball. The Power Play multiplier was also five for this drawing. One of the four tickets was Power Played and is worth \$50,000. This ticket was sold at Fastop Market on Smoky Park Highway in **Candler**.

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The other three tickets that matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball were not Power Played and are worth \$10,000 each. These tickets were sold at Town and County Superettes on Fayetteville Road in **Durham**, Wilco on Albemarle Road in **Mint Hill**, and Goody's Convenient Center on Virginia Road in **Tyner**.

A total of 46,052 North Carolina Powerball players won prizes in the Wednesday, Dec. 24 Powerball drawing, ranging from \$50,000 down to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$586,162. In the Saturday, Dec. 27 Powerball drawing, a total of 42,545 North Carolina Powerball players won prizes, ranging from \$50,000 down to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$539,190. No one matched all five white balls plus the Powerball for either drawing, so the jackpot for the Wednesday, Dec. 31 Powerball drawing is an estimated \$80 million.

The NCEL has paid out more than \$9.1 million total in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Monday, Dec. 22. Also since Monday, "Carolina Cash 5" players have won more than \$874,000 and "Carolina Pick 3" players have won more than \$2 million in prizes.

Winner in the Dec. 17 Powerball drawing:

| <b><u>Winner</u></b> | <b><u>Hometown</u></b> | <b><u>Amount Won</u></b> | <b><u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u></b>      |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Grayling Hardy       | Greensboro             | \$200,000                | Quick Shop<br>3700 #A Spring Garden St., Greensboro |

Winner in the Dec. 26 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

| <b><u>Winner</u></b> | <b><u>Hometown</u></b> | <b><u>Amount Won</u></b> | <b><u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u></b>     |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Unknown              |                        | \$478,953                | Mr. G's Convenience Mart<br>101 Iona St., Fairmont |

Winner in the Dec. 28 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

| <b><u>Winner</u></b> | <b><u>Hometown</u></b> | <b><u>Amount Won</u></b> | <b><u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u></b>             |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Unknown              |                        | \$75,770                 | Gopal Corporation<br>714 Peters Creek Pkwy., Winston-Salem |

Winners in the Dec. 24 Powerball drawing:

| <b><u>Winner</u></b> | <b><u>Hometown</u></b> | <b><u>Amount Won</u></b> | <b><u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u></b> |
|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Eldon Jackson Jr.    | Raleigh                | \$50,000                 | Wendell Mart<br>2901 Wendell Blvd., Wendell    |
| Caleb Pope           | Mt. Holly              | \$50,000                 | Petro Express<br>3794 E. Franklin Blvd.        |

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Winners in the Dec. 27 Powerball drawing:

| <u>Winner</u> | <u>Hometown</u> | <u>Amount Won</u> | <u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>                      |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|--|
| Unknown       |                 | \$50,000          | Fastop Market<br>627 Smoky Park Hwy., Candler                |
| Unknown       |                 | \$10,000          | Town and Country Superettes<br>3700 Fayetteville Rd., Durham |
| Unknown       |                 | \$10,000          | Wilco<br>13354 Albemarle Rd., Mint Hill                      |
| Unknown       |                 | \$10,000          | Goody's Convenient Center<br>2804 Virginia Rd., Tyner        |

Winner in the Dec. 20 Powerball drawing:

| <u>Winner</u>  | <u>Hometown</u> | <u>Amount Won</u> | <u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---|
| Debra Burleson | Oakboro         | \$10,000          | Quik Chek<br>713 Main St., Oakboro      |

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

| <u>Winner</u>      | <u>Hometown</u> | <u>Amount Won</u> | <u>Game Played</u>          |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ronald Houston     | Charlotte       | \$100,000         | "Jingle Big Ol' Bucks"      |
| Vollie Villines    | Cedar Grove     | \$50,000          | "\$130 Million Blockbuster" |
| Paulette Maske     | Monroe          | \$10,000          | "Winning Fever"             |
| Gwendolyn Sawyer   | Creswell        | \$10,000          | "Super Gold"                |
| Ruth Hobbs         | Elizabeth City  | \$7,000           | "Super 7s"                  |
| Alvin Aldrich Jr.  | Cary            | \$5,000           | "\$130 Million Blockbuster" |
| William Carter Jr. | Turkey          | \$5,000           | "\$130 Million Blockbuster" |
| Gail Csizmar       | Salemburg       | \$5,000           | "Jingle Big Ol' Bucks"      |
| Geraldine Fisher   | New Bern        | \$5,000           | "Jingle Big Ol' Bucks"      |
| Jerome Glass       | Rocky Mount     | \$5,000           | "Jingle Big Ol' Bucks"      |
| Melissa Hill       | Wake Forest     | \$5,000           | "\$130 Million Blockbuster" |
| James Perry        | Ahoskie         | \$5,000           | "Winning Fever"             |
| James Price        | Albemarle       | \$5,000           | "\$130 Million Blockbuster" |
| Roberta Redlin     | Hendersonville  | \$5,000           | "Extreme Green"             |
| Mario Williams     | Battleboro      | \$5,000           | "Jingle Big Ol' Bucks"      |
| Robert Williams    | Wilmington      | \$5,000           | "\$130 Million Blockbuster" |

**"Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize Winners Tally**

| <u>Prize</u>          | <u># of winners</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| \$50,000 to \$856,998 | 168                 |

**Powerball Winners Tally**

| <u>Prize</u>            | <u># of winners</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| \$2 Million - \$200,000 | 134                 |
| \$100,000 - \$10,000    | 745                 |

(The Powerball numbers above are since May 31, 2006,  
but do not include unclaimed prizes.)

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